

REMARKS

At the time of the Office Action dated July 14, 2005, claims 4, 7, 13-15, and 18-20 were pending in this application. Of those, claims 7, 15, and 20 have been rejected. Applicants acknowledge, with appreciation, the Examiner's allowance of claims 4, 13-14, and 18-19. Claims 7, 15, and 20 have been cancelled.

CLAIM 7 IS REJECTED UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103 FOR OBVIOUSNESS BASED UPON BEASON ET AL., U.S. PATENT NO. 6,373,430 (HEREINAFTER BEASON), IN VIEW OF REYNOLDS, U.S. PATENT NO. 5,677,837

Claim 7 has been cancelled; and thus, the rejection of claim 7 is moot.

CLAIMS 15 AND 20 ARE REJECTED UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103 FOR OBVIOUSNESS BASED UPON BEASON IN VIEW OF MIYASAKA ET AL., U.S. PATENT PUBLICATION NO. 2001/0018635 (HEREINAFTER MIYASAKA)

Claims 15 and 20 have been cancelled; and thus, the rejection of claims 15 and 20 is moot.

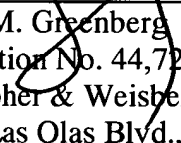
Applicants have made every effort to present claims which distinguish over the prior art, and it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance. However, Applicants invite the Examiner to call the undersigned if it is believed that a telephonic interview would expedite the prosecution of the application to an allowance.

Accordingly, and in view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants hereby respectfully request reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 09-0461, and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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